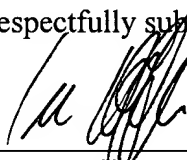


CONCLUSION

Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the application and claims in light of the foregoing Response, and respectfully submit that claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance. If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephonic interview would expedite the favorable prosecution of the present application, the undersigned agent would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues, and to work with the Examiner toward placing the application in condition for allowance.

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